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ALLARD COMMENTS ON COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SERVICE

COLORADO LAWMAKER ISSUES STATEMENT FOLLOWING MEMORIAL SERVICE IN TEXAS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today issued the following statement after attending Tuesday's memorial service in honor of the Columbia Space Shuttle astronauts held at the Johnson Space Center in Houston Texas.

"President Bush's touching tribute to the fallen crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia brought comfort to a grieving nation," said U.S. Senator Wayne Allard. "The greatest tribute we can give the crew of the Columbia is to continue their dream of space exploration," added Allard.

"Our efforts will now turn to discovering the cause of this terrible tragedy and making sure this never happens again," concluded Allard.

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